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MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO PRESENT THE REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1967.

I AM GRATEFUL TO MR. G.H. FYFE, THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR, WHO HAS PREPARED THE REPORT ON THE SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

CERTAIN ITEMS STAND OUT FOR PARTICULAR COMMENT:

STATISTICS.

THERE WERE 8 MORE BIRTHS AND 34 FEWER DEATHS THAN IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR. 182 OF THE 355 DEATHS WERE OF PERSONS AGED 75 YEARS AND OVER.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

ONCE AGAIN THERE WAS A HIGH INCIDENCE OF MEASLES WHICH NO LONGER SEEMS TO SHOW ITS CLASSICAL BIENNIAL PEAK PATTERN.

THERE WAS NO LARGE OUTBREAK OF DYSENTERY OR FOOD POISONING. ONE OUTBREAK OF DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING AT HIGHAM GRANGE REHABILITATION CENTRE RECEIVED CAREFUL AND THOROUGH INVESTIGATION BY THE STAFF BUT NO SPECIFIC CAUSE WAS FOUND.

IT CAME TO LIGHT EARLY IN THE YEAR THAT SCABIES WAS PRESENT AMONG SOME OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA.

BY FAR THE MOST IMPORTANT OCCURRENCE UNDER THE HEADING OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE WAS THE OCCURRENCE OF A CASE OF PARALYTIC POLIOMYELITIS IN NEWBOLD VERDON. THE PATIENT WAS A FOUR YEAR OLD FOSTER CHILD WHO SUFFERED PARALYSIS OF BOTH LEGS. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE IT WAS DECIDED THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY OF LIMITING THE SPREAD OF THE DISEASE WOULD BE TO PROVIDE DOSES OF TRIVALENT POLIOMYELITIS VACCINE FOR ALL SUSCEPTIBLES IN THE VICINITY. THIS WAS DONE AND NO FURTHER CASES WERE NOTIFIED.

TUBERCULOSIS.

THERE WERE FIVE FRESH CASES DURING THE YEAR.

HOUSING.

THERE WERE MANY REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT FOR APPLICATIONS FOR REHOUSING IN COUNCIL HOUSES, PARTICULARLY IN IBSTOCK AND TO A LESSER EXTENT IN MARKFIELD AND BARLESTONE.

REASONS GIVEN BY APPLICANTS VARIED FROM A CLEAR CUT PHYSICAL HANDICAP DUE TO DISEASE OR AGE, TO HARDSHIP ARISING FROM

HOUSING. (CONT)

PRESENT CONDITIONS. THE USUAL PRACTICE IS TO SUBMIT A REPORT ON THESE CASES TO THE HOUSING DEPARTMENT FOR CONSIDERATION WHEN ALLOCATIONS ARE MADE IN THE PARISH OF THE APPLICANT'S CHOICE.

NUISANCES.

IN ADDITION TO THE LONG STANDING PROBLEMS OF DUST EMISSION FROM BRADGATE QUARRY INSTALLATIONS AND FUMES FROM BRICK & PIPE WORKS, ANOTHER BIG INSTALLATION CAME TO LIGHT AS THE SUBJECT OF COMPLAINTS. THE RESIDENTS OF RATCLIFFE CULEY COMPLAINED OF OFFENSIVE FUMES FROM A FACTORY WHERE ABRASIVES WERE MADE ON A TRADING ESTATE IN THE ADJOINING RURAL DISTRICT. WHEN THE WIND WAS WESTERLY, COMPLAINT WAS MADE IN RATCLIFFE CULEY. WHEN THE WIND WAS EASTERLY, DUST BLEW TOWARDS HOUSES IN GROBY. THE IMPRESSION WAS GAINED DURING THE YEAR THAT, AS FAR AS THE LATTER SITUATION WAS CONCERNED, THERE WAS INCREASED EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE MANAGEMENT TO LESSEN THE EFFECTS ON THE RESIDENTS.

DURING THE YEAR, NAILSTONE COLLIERY SPOIL BANK CAME IN FOR COMPLAINTS AND IT WAS NECESSARY TO APPROACH THE NATIONAL COAL BOARD HEADQUARTERS.

A RESIDENT IN A NEW ESTATE AT GROBY COMPLAINED OF A HIGH PITCHED NOISE WHICH WAS CAUSING HIM PHYSICAL DISCOMFORT. MUCH TIME WAS SPENT IN TRYING TO IDENTIFY THE CAUSE OF THE NOISE AND ADVICE WAS OBTAINED FROM BOTH THE EAST MIDLANDS ELECTRICITY BOARD AND ALSO TWO MAJOR INDUSTRIAL CONCERNS, BUT THE PROBLEM REMAINED UNSOLVED.

WATER SUPPLIES.

WORK WAS COMMENCED IN 1967 ON A JOINT SUPPLY SCHEME FOR THE COPT OAK AREA.

ADVICE WAS SOUGHT IN IBSTOCK ON THE ADVISABILITY OF USING SOFT WATER STORAGE TANKS TO AUGMENT EXISTING MAINS SUPPLIES IN HOUSES. THE ADVICE WAS GIVEN THAT SUCH WATER SHOULD BE GIVEN THE SAME TREATMENT AND PROTECTION AS PUBLIC MAINS SUPPLIES, INCLUDING FILTRATION AND CHLORINATION.

A MINISTRY OF HEALTH MEMORANDUM WAS RECEIVED CONCERNING PLUMBO-SOLVENT WATERS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF LEAD IN DRINKING WATER. BOTH THE WATER UNDERTAKINGS WERE APPROACHED AND REASSURING REPLIES WERE GIVEN REGARDING MAINS SUPPLIES IN THE RURAL DISTRICT.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

THIS SUBJECT IS ONE OF THE MAIN ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE WHICH HAS MORE THAN ONCE DECLARED THAT ITS POLICY IS TO SECURE THE SEWERAGE OF ALL PARTS OF THE RURAL DISTRICT, WHERE THIS IS PRACTICABLE.

NEVERTHELESS, FROM TIME TO TIME, FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS DICTATE THAT THIS SHALL BE PHASED AND THAT VARYING DEGREES OF URGENCY AND ENGINEERING EXPEDIENCY SHALL BE STUDIED IN DECIDING WHICH SCHEMES SHOULD GO AHEAD FIRST. WITH THESE POINTS IN MIND, THE OFFICERS DREW UP A RECOMMENDED ORDER OF PRIORITIES FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

PROGRESS WAS MADE DURING THE YEAR ON CERTAIN SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEMES, NOTABLY PECKLETON AND KIRKBY MALLORY, BOTCHESTON, NEWTOWN UNTHANK AND DESFORD, BATTLEFLAT AND SHAW LANE.

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE. (CONT)

LOCAL INFORMAL MINISTRY OF HOUSING & LOCAL GOVERNMENT INQUIRIES WERE HELD INTO CERTAIN PROPOSED SCHEMES, NOTABLY SUTTON CHENEY & CADEBY, SIBSON, SHENTON & UPTON, BARLESTONE AND IBSTOCK (EXTENSION OF WORKS). THE IBSTOCK SCHEME WAS DEFERRED PENDING CONFIRMATION OF THE ANTICIPATED POPULATION CHANGES. THE RATBY SCHEME (NEW WORKS) WAS CONSIDERED BY A MINISTRY INSPECTOR IN 1966 BUT STILL AWAITS COMMENCEMENT IN ITS NEW FORM

BELCHERS BAR AND PARK LANE, BAGWORTH, SCHEMES WERE HELD UP BY THE OPERATIONS OF THE NATIONAL COAL BOARD.

SUBSIDENCE DAMAGE IN IBSTOCK HAD LED TO THE RELAYING OF SEWERS ON THE REDLANDS ESTATE. NUISANCE WAS CAUSED AT HEATH ROAD, BAGWORTH BY SUBSIDENCE DAMAGE.

DURING THE YEAR THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE WERE MADE AWARE OF HIGHER COSTS OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS IF ANTICIPATED HIGHER ROYAL COMMISSION STANDARDS OF EFFLUENT WERE TO BE ACHIEVED.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE FOUND IT NECESSARY TO POSTPONE THE PROPOSED FREE CESSPOOL EMPTYING SCHEME UNTIL 1969.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

ARISING FROM THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WORKING PARTY THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE RECEIVED REPORTS ON THE PAPER SACK METHOD OF COLLECTION AND DETAILS WERE GIVEN OF A POSSIBLE PILOT SCHEME BUT NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEALTH.

TWO PROJECTS HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF MUCH DELIBERATION BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE, BUT STILL AWAIT FINALISATION; THE WITHERLEY BROOK SCHEME AND MARKET BOSWORTH PUBLIC CONVENIENCES. SOME PROGRESS WAS MADE DURING THE YEAR IN BOTH CASES

HOUSING OF ELDERLY PERSONS.

IT IS NOW GENERALLY ACCEPTED THAT SOME BACKGROUND HEATING SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN THE BEDROOMS OF DWELLINGS BUILT SPECIFICALLY FOR ELDERLY PERSONS. WITH THIS IN VIEW, TOWARDS THE END OF 1967 A PILOT SCHEME WAS FORMULATED FOR PROVIDING SUCH HEATING IN A GROUP OF SINGLE BEDROOM BUNGALOWS IN IBSTOCK. SUCH A SCHEME DOES NOT MERELY INVOLVE THE MECHANICAL PROVISION OF THE INSTALLATION BUT ALSO INVOLVES THE QUESTION OF THE MOST EQUABLE METHOD OF APPORTIONING COST.

COAL BOARD SUBSIDENCE.

IN CONCLUSION I MUST SINGLE OUT WHAT I CONSIDER TO BE THE BIGGEST PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM IN THE DISTRICT AT PRESENT, VIZ: EFFECTS OF SUBSIDENCE DUE TO COAL MINING. THERE HAVE BEEN FAR REACHING EFFECTS ON HOUSES OF ALL TYPES - COUNCIL OWNED, N.C.B. OWNED AND PRIVATELY OWNED. APART FROM THE DAMAGE TO THE HOUSES AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS AND THE HOLD-UP OF PROPOSED NEW SEWAGE DISPOSAL SCHEMES, ONE MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE DISTURBANCE AND DISCOMFORT CAUSED TO THE OCCUPANTS OF DAMAGED HOUSES. SEVERAL CASES HAVE COME TO LIGHT OF HOUSEWIVES WHO HAVE REQUIRED PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT BECAUSE OF THE UPSET DUE TO THE WORRY AND UNCERTAINTY.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

I AM GRATEFUL TO THE CHAIRMEN OF BOTH THE COUNCIL AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE FOR THEIR CONTINUED ENCOURAGEMENT AND SUPPORT.

I ALSO THANK MR. FYFE FOR HIS EVER READY ADVICE AND INFORMATION AND ESPECIALLY MRS. DEE FOR ORGANISING THE PREPARATION OF THE REPORT.

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REMAIN

YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT,

J B Kershaw
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

AREA (IN ACRES).....	63,955.
POPULATION CENSUS 1921.....	23,196.
POPULATION CENSUS 1951.....	26,370.
POPULATION CENSUS 1961.....	27,519.
ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION 1966.....	29,390.
ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION 1967.....	29,880.
NO. OF INHABITED HOUSES.....	9,974.
RATEABLE VALUE AT 1ST. APRIL 1967.....	£1,012,593.
ESTIMATED SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE 1967/8.	£4,242.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

THE POPULATION IS PARTLY INDUSTRIAL AND PARTLY AGRICULTURAL, WHILST SOME ARE EMPLOYED IN THE NEARBY AREAS OF LEICESTER, NUNEATON, HINCKLEY, COALVILLE AND COVENTRY. IN THIS LATTER CONNECTION THERE HAS BEEN A BIG INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES IN CERTAIN AREAS, ESPECIALLY IN NEWBOLD VERDON, BARLESTONE AND MARKFIELD, WITH A NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN THE IMPACT ON MEDICAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITY INFANT WELFARE SERVICES.

THE NATIONAL COAL BOARD OWN A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF HOUSES IN THE AREA.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

HOSPITALS ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE SHEFFIELD REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD AND LOCAL HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES.

INSTITUTIONAL ACCOMMODATION (PART III) FOR ELDERLY PEOPLE IS PROVIDED BY THE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION FOR ELDERLY CHRONIC SICK PATIENTS IS ADMINISTERED BY THE LEICESTER AREA GERIATRIC SERVICE BASED ON HILLCREST HOSPITAL, LEICESTER. ACCOMMODATION FOR SUCH PATIENTS IS AVAILABLE AT MARKET BOSWORTH AT "WESTHAVEN" AND BOSWORTH PARK INFIRMARY.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA. (CONT)

MARKFIELD HOSPITAL ADMITS CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF GENERAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL PATIENTS AS WELL AS THOSE SUFFERING FROM TUBERCULOSIS.

MATERNITY ACCOMMODATION IS PROVIDED AT LEICESTER, KIRBY MUXLOE AND NUNEATON.

GLEN GATE HOSPITAL, AN ANNEXE OF GLENFRITH HOSPITAL IN LEICESTER, PROVIDES ACCOMMODATION FOR MENTALLY SUBNORMAL BOYS.

HIGHAM GRANGE PROVIDES REHABILITATION TREATMENT FOR PHYSICALLY DISABLED MEN.

PART III. NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES ARE ADMINISTERED BY THE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

CHIROPODY SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE ASSOCIATION CLUBS.

THE W.R.V.S. ORGANISE A MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE OF UP TO 24 MEALS TWICE WEEKLY IN IBSTOCK. TOWARDS THE END OF 1967, ARRANGEMENTS WERE BEING MADE FOR A SERVICE IN DESFORD AND NEWBOLD VERDON.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS, LEGITIMATE.	M. 269.	F. 258.	TOTAL.	527.
BIRTHS, ILLEGITIMATE.	M. 11.	F. 9.	TOTAL.	20.
	M. 280.	F. 267.	TOTAL.	547.

DEATHS OF INFANTS.

	TOTAL.	MALES.		FEMALES.	
		LEGIT:	ILLEGIT:	TOTAL.	LEGIT:
UNDER 1 YEAR.	7	6	1	5	4
UNDER 4 WEEKS.	3	2	1	4	3
UNDER 1 WEEK.	3	2	1	4	3
STILLBIRTHS.	2	2	-	4	3
DEATHS. (ALL AGES)	180.			175.	

	MARKET BOSWORTH R.D.C.	ENGLAND & WALES:
	1966.	1967.
LIVE BIRTHS. (CRUDE RATE PER 1000 POPULATION).....	18.3.	17.7.
STILLBIRTHS. RATE PER 1000 POP.	14.6.	13.0.

DEATHS OF INFANTS:

UNDER 1 YEAR. RATE PER 1000 LIVE BIRTHS.....	20.4.	23.0.	18.3.
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PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE PER 1000 TOTAL BIRTHS.....	23.9.	26.0.	25.4.
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DEATHS (ALL AGES) CRUDE RATE PER 1000 POPULATION.....	13.2	11.9	11.2
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COMPARABILITY FACTORS: BIRTHS....1.04. DEATHS....0.86.

RATIO OF LOCAL ADJUSTED DEATH RATE TO NATIONAL RATE.0.91.

CAUSES OF DEATH. (ALL AGES)

(REGISTRAR GENERAL'S CLASSIFICATION.)

	<u>MALES.</u>	<u>FEMALES.</u>
ALL CAUSES.....	180	175
TUBERCULOSIS, RESPIRATORY.....	2	-
SYPHILITIC DISEASE.....	-	1
OTHER INFECTIVE & PARASITIC DISEASES...	1	1
MALIGNANT NEOPLASM: STOMACH.....	5	2
LUNG.....	10	3
BREAST.....	-	8
UTERUS.....	-	3
OTHER MALIGNANT & LYMPHATIC NEOPLASMS..	15	12
LEUKAEMIA, ALEUKAEMIA.....	2	-
DIABETES.....	1	1
VASCULAR LESIONS OF NERVOUS SYSTEM....	28	39
CORONARY DISEASE, ANGINA.....	24	19
HYPERTENSION WITH HEART DISEASE.....	2	3
OTHER HEART DISEASE.....	26	19
OTHER CIRCULATORY DISEASES.....	7	6
INFLUENZA.....	-	-
PNEUMONIA.....	8	9
BRONCHITIS.....	15	3
OTHER DISEASES OF RESPIRATORY SYSTEM...	7	2
ULCER OF STOMACH AND DUODENUM.....	2	2
GASTRITIS, ENTERITIS & DIARRHOEA.....	1	1
NEPHRITIS & NEPHROSIS.....	2	2
HYPERPLASIA OF PROSTATE.....	1	-
CONGENITAL MALFORMATIONS.....	2	1
OTHER DEFINED AND ILL DEFINED CAUSES...	12	30
MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS.....	4	2
ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS.....	2	5
SUICIDE.....	1	1

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS.

<u>AGE AT DEATH.</u>	<u>TOTAL ALL CAUSES.</u>
UNDER 4 WEEKS.....	7
4 WEEKS AND UNDER 1 YEAR.....	5
1 TO 4 YEARS.....	3
5 TO 14 YEARS.....	2
15 TO 24 YEARS.....	1
25 TO 34 YEARS.....	1
35 TO 44 YEARS.....	6
45 TO 54 YEARS.....	19
55 TO 64 YEARS.....	44
65 TO 74 YEARS.....	85
75 AND OVER.....	182
	<u>355.</u>

COMPARATIVE FIGURES.

DEATHS FROM CERTAIN CAUSES DURING THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

	<u>1963.</u>	<u>1964.</u>	<u>1965.</u>	<u>1966.</u>	<u>1967.</u>
TUBERCULOSIS: RESPIRATORY.....	1	6	-	2	2
OTHER.....	-	-	-	-	-
CORONARY DISEASE.....	55	50	59	56	43
LUNG CANCER.....	17	15	20	14	13
BRONCHITIS.....	22	20	26	16	18
LEUKAEMIA.....	-	2	1	1	2

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED.

<u>DISEASE.</u>	<u>QUARTER ENDING.</u>			
	<u>31ST. DEC.</u>	<u>30TH. SEPT.</u>	<u>30TH. JUNE.</u>	<u>31ST. MARCH.</u>
SCARLET FEVER.....	-	2	1	3
WHOOPING COUGH.....	12	6	-	-
MEASLES.....	8	39	244	84
DYSENTERY.....	-	-	-	-
FOOD POISONING.....	-	-	1+	1
ACUTE POLIOMYELITIS.....	-	1	-	-
TUBERCULOSIS: RESPIRATORY	-	2	-	1
OTHER	-	-	-	2

(+) NOT CONFIRMED.

TUBERCULOSIS.

THE THREE NOTIFICATIONS OF RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS RECEIVED WERE FOR MEN IN THE 45-55 AGE GROUP.

NON-RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS.

THE TWO NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED WERE FOR A GIRL UNDER ONE AND A WOMAN IN THE 35-40 AGE GROUP.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION.

WHOOPING COUGH, DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS, POLIOMYELITIS.

UNDER THE COUNTY COUNCIL SCHEME, IMMUNISING PROCEDURES FOR INFANTS AND SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE UNDERTAKEN BY THE FAMILY DOCTORS. WHERE THIS IS NOT PRACTICABLE, IT CAN BE DONE BY APPOINTMENT DIRECT WITH THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT. POLIOMYELITIS VACCINE IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL PERSONS UP TO 40 YEARS OF AGE.

SMALLPOX.

IN 1967, THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TOOK OVER DISTRIBUTION OF SMALLPOX VACCINE FOR USE BY FAMILY DOCTORS.

TUBERCULOSIS VACCINATION (B.C.G.)

THIS IS OFFERED REGULARLY TO SECONDARY SCHOOL PUPILS AND THE CUSTOMARY HIGH ACCEPTANCE RATE WAS MAINTAINED. INDIVIDUAL CASES MAY BE VACCINATED BY APPOINTMENT AT THE CHEST CLINICS.

NATIONAL ASSISTANT ACT 1948 SECTION 47 AND AMENDMENT ACT 1951.

NO FORMAL ACTION WAS TAKEN UNDER THIS SECTION BUT FROM TIME TO TIME IT WAS FOUND NECESSARY TO MAKE INVESTIGATIONS REGARDING THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF ELDERLY PATIENTS AND INITIATE ACTION INFORMALLY.

ANNUAL REPORT
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CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

THIS REPORT, ALTHOUGH MAINLY STATISTICAL, IS INTENDED TO PRESENT A PICTURE OF THE GENERAL CIRCUMSTANCES; WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE YEAR; AND MATTERS STILL REQUIRING ATTENTION IN THE RURAL DISTRICT.

ONE OF THE WORST PROBLEMS FOR WHICH NO SATISFACTORY SOLUTION CAN APPARENTLY BE FOUND, IS THE VERY DISTRESSING CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE TENANTS OF NATIONAL COAL BOARD HOUSES IN BAGWORTH, HAVE TO EXIST.

YEAR AFTER YEAR IT IS REPORTED THAT SUBSIDENCE HAS AFFECTED CERTAIN HOUSES UNTIL IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT FURTHER REPAIRS TO MAKE THE PROPERTIES HABITABLE. THE COST OF REPAIRS TO BRICKS AND MORTAR AND SERVICES CAN BE ASSESSED IN TERMS OF MONEY, BUT THE DISCOMFORT AND MENTAL SUFFERING CAUSED TO THE TENANTS, ESPECIALLY THE HOUSEWIVES, IS BEYOND ANY ASSESSMENT.

WATER SUPPLY.

THE SUPPLY HAS BEEN MAINLY SATISFACTORY IN QUANTITY, ALTHOUGH ONE WATER UNDERTAKING WAS HARD PRESSED TO MAINTAIN THE EVER INCREASING REQUIREMENTS.

IN QUALITY - BOTH UNDERTAKINGS WERE NOTIFIED OF VARIOUS COMPLAINTS OF DISCOLOURATION AND OVER CHLORINATION. IN EVERY CASE IMMEDIATE ATTENTION WAS GIVEN BY THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNED AND MAINS WERE FLUSHED OUT AND IN SOME CASES SCRAPED.

EXAMINATION OF WATER.

(A) MAINS SUPPLIES.

THIRTY SAMPLES TAKEN FOR BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION PROVED SATISFACTORY - ONE UNSATISFACTORY.

(B) WELL WATER.

OF TWELVE SAMPLES TAKEN FOR BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION TEN PROVED SATISFACTORY AND TWO UNSATISFACTORY.

24 WELLS WERE CLOSED AND 2 CLEANSED.

PIPED WATER WAS SUBSTITUTED FOR WELL WATER IN 215 CASES.

THE JOINT SCHEME FOR THE COPT OAK AND ULVERScroft AREAS WAS COMPLETED AND PROPOSALS WERE OUTLINED FOR EXTENSIONS TO EXISTING MAINS TO SERVE SMALL GROUPS OF PROPERTIES OUTSIDE THE AREAS OF SUPPLY - LINDRIDGE LANE, DESFORD - ODSTONE - NEWBOLD VERDON.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS THE GENERAL POSITION OF WATER SUPPLY IN THE DISTRICT:-

WATER SUPPLIES. (CONT)

WATER SUPPLY FROM MAINS.		WATER SUPPLY FROM WELLS.	
No. OF HOUSES.	ESTIMATED POPULATION.	No. OF HOUSES.	ESTIMATED POPULATION.
9,422.	28,926.		
DIRECT SUPPLY TO HOUSE.	BY STAND- PIPES.	DIRECT SUPPLY TO HOUSE.	BY STAND- PIPES.
9,403.	19.	28879.	47.
		552.	954.

SEWERAGE & SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

DURING THE YEAR THE PECKLETON AND KIRKBY MALLORY AND SHAW LANE, MARKFIELD SCHEMES WERE COMPLETED, LEAVING ONLY ORTON ON THE HILL AND NORTON JUXTA TWYCROSS OF THE LARGER VILLAGES STILL TO BE SEWERED. HOWEVER, THE COUNCIL HAVE ACCEPTED THAT THESE BE PROCEEDED WITH AS SPEEDILY AS POSSIBLE AND SCHEMES ARE BEING PREPARED.

SIBSON, SHENTON AND UPTON JOINT SCHEME IS PROGRESSING AND BOTCHESTON AND NEWTOWN UNTHANK NEARING COMPLETION.

SUTTON CHENEY AND CADEBY WILL BE COMMENCED WHEN THIS REPORT IS PUBLISHED AND SEWAGE WILL BE PUMPED TO NEWBOLD VERDON, WHERE EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS AND ADDITIONS ARE IN PROGRESS.

SCHEMES TO EXTEND DISPOSAL FACILITIES AT BARLESTONE, RATBY AND IBSTOCK, HAVE ALSO BEEN PREPARED.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS IN THE RURAL DISTRICT IS NOW 22, WITH 75 PUMPS TO MAINTAIN, TOGETHER WITH 16 ANCILLARY PUMPING STATIONS.

ALTHOUGH EVERY PARISH IS SERVED BY MAIN SEWERAGE AND A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF CESSPOOLS HAVE BEEN ABOLISHED BY SEWERAGE EXTENSIONS, THERE STILL REMAIN MANY SIZEABLE GROUPS OF HOUSES STILL RELYING ON DRAINAGE TO CESSPOOLS AND SEPTIC TANKS, AND THE COUNCIL HAVE AGREED ON A LIST OF PRIORITIES TO SERVE AS MANY OF THEM AS POSSIBLE. THERE WILL STILL REMAIN, HOWEVER, A HARD CORE OF A NUMBER OF CESSPOOLS WHICH WILL NEVER BE ABOLISHED AND IT MUST BE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THESE WILL HAVE TO BE EMPTIED. ALTHOUGH REGULATIONS REQUIRE THEM TO BE WATERTIGHT MANY OF THEM ADMIT SUBSOIL WATER AND OTHERS ARE IMPROPERLY PROVIDED WITH OVERFLOWS WHICH DISCHARGE INTO AND POLLUTE NEARBY DITCHES.

TWENTY CESSPOOLS WERE ABOLISHED DURING THE YEAR BUT SIXTEEN NEW ONES WERE CONSTRUCTED. THE NEW CESSPOOLS ARE REQUIRED BY REGULATION TO BE OF A MINIMUM CAPACITY OF 4,000 GALLONS SO THE ACTUAL AMOUNT OF SEWAGE TO BE PUMPED IS INCREASING RATHER THAN DECREASING. THE QUESTION OF WHY THE COSTS ARE NOT DECREASING IS CONSTANTLY BEING ASKED, BUT THE ANSWER IS CLEAR WHEN IT IS REALISED THAT TO EMPTY ONE CESSPOOL IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO TRAVEL OVER 60 MILES.

NEW HOUSES ARE REGULARLY BEING APPROVED AND ERECTED IN AREAS WHERE NO SEWERAGE FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE, AND AS THE CESSPOOLS GET BIGGER AND BIGGER SO WILL THE DIFFICULTIES OF EMPTYING INCREASE.

SEWERAGE & SEWAGE DISPOSAL. (CONT)

THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CESSPOOLS IN THE DISTRICT IS 554. THE COUNCIL MAKE FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR EMPTYING ON A PAYMENT OF 30/- FOR DOMESTIC CESSPOOLS AND A CHARGE OF 25/- PER HOUR FOR BUSINESS PREMISES, FARMS ETC.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF 9974 HOUSES IN THE DISTRICT, 9464 HAVE WATER CLOSETS AND 510 PAIL CLOSETS WHICH LATTER ARE EMPTIED WEEKLY BY THE COUNCIL.

62 PAIL CLOSETS WERE CONVERTED TO WATER CARRIAGE. A GRANT OF £12. PER CONVERSION IS PAYABLE EXCEPT IN CASES WHERE AN IMPROVEMENT GRANT IS PAYABLE.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

HOUSE REFUSE IS COLLECTED WEEKLY FROM EVERY PARISH IN THE DISTRICT, USING A FLEET OF EIGHT VEHICLES, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF CESSPOOL EMPTYING, ONE 1500 GALLON CAPACITY TANKER IS USED.

TWO TIPPING SITES ARE USED - ONE IN THE BRADGATE QUARRY AT GROBY AND THE CENTRAL TIP AT CADEBY. NO SPECIAL SCHEME FOR TRADE REFUSE IS IN OPERATION, BUT ONE IS CONTEMPLATED.

LITTER BINS ARE PROVIDED BY THE COUNCIL THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT AND SIX STREET ORDERLIES ARE IN USE EACH WEEKEND FOR PAPER COLLECTION IN STREETS.

A SPECIAL SUB-COMMITTEE WAS SET UP BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS COLLECTIONS, AND RECOMMENDED A PILOT SCHEME FOR THE USE OF PAPER SACKS, BUT THIS WAS REJECTED BY THE COUNCIL.

I MUST AGAIN PLACE ON RECORD APPRECIATION OF THE SPLENDID WAY THE REFUSE COLLECTION GANGS HAVE WORKED. THE ODD COMPLAINT RECEIVED ONLY EMPHASIZES THE GENERAL EFFICIENCY.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF PREMISES.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED WAS 109 AND NUISANCES WERE DEALT WITH AT 81 PREMISES.

GENERAL INSPECTIONS AND RE-VISITS.

NOTICES SERVED.	PUBLIC HEALTH	HOUSING
OUTSTANDING ON 1ST. JANUARY.	24	-
ISSUED DURING YEAR.	80	-
COMPLIED WITH DURING YEAR.	85	-
OUTSTANDING 31ST. DECEMBER.	19	-

ONE STATUTORY NOTICE ON PUBLIC HEALTH WAS COMPLIED WITH.

	NO. OF INSPECTIONS.	
	FIRST VISITS.	RE-VISITS.
ANIMAL KEEPING.	4	3
BAKEHOUSES.	7	-
DAIRIES.	-	-
DRAINAGE WORKS.	126	106
DWELLING HOUSES (ALL PURPOSES)	621	373
INFECTIOUS DISEASE INQUIRIES.	12	29
FOOD POISONING INQUIRIES.	4	21
FOOD PREMISES.	195	97
OFFENSIVE TRADES.	2	-
REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.	179	32
RODENT CONTROL (EXCLUDING RODENT OPERATOR VISITS)	1067	45
SCHOOLS.	17	12
SHOPS AND OFFICES.	74	114
SLAUGHTER HOUSES & MEAT INSPECTION.	1187	13
SMOKE CONTROL.	6	-
VERMINOUS & DIRTY PREMISES.	8	7
CARAVANS ETC.,	195	78
WATER SUPPLIES.	57	32
FACTORIES & WORKPLACES.	14	8
OTHER INSPECTIONS.	376	286
TOTAL.	4151.	1256.

DISINFESTATION.

15 VISITS WERE MADE AS A RESULT OF COMPLAINTS OR INFORMATION REGARDING DIRTY PREMISES. NO BUG INFESTATIONS WERE DISCOVERED.

ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE WAS GIVEN IN 36 CASES FOLLOWING COMPLAINTS OF INFESTATION BY FLIES, BEETLES, ANTS AND EVEN BATS.

RODENT CONTROL.

THE COUNCIL MAINTAINS A RODENT DESTRUCTION SERVICE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT AND EMPLOYS ONE TRAINED FULLTIME RODENT OPERATOR WITH A FULLY EQUIPPED VAN.

TREATMENT FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF RATS AND MICE AT DOMESTIC PREMISES IS CARRIED OUT FREE OF CHARGE BUT A CHARGE IS MADE FOR WORK ON ALL OTHER TYPES OF PREMISES. ALL PREMISES AND LANDS OWNED BY THE COUNCIL ARE SYSTEMATICALLY INSPECTED AND TREATED WHERE NECESSARY.

THE COUNCIL'S FOUL SEWERS ARE TEST-BAITED REGULARLY AND THE CONTINUED USE OF FLUOROACETAMIDE HAS CONSIDERABLY REDUCED THE NUMBERS OF SURFACE RATS.

RODENT CONTROL (CONT)

THE NUMBER OF INFESTATIONS DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR WAS 384 AND FOR THIS PURPOSE THE NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS WAS 77 BY PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS AND 956 BY THE OPERATOR.

41 ANNUAL CONTRACTS WERE ARRANGED WITH BUSINESS PREMISES.
OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963.

IN CONNECTION WITH THIS ACT A TOTAL NUMBER OF 176 VISITS WERE MADE DURING THE YEAR.

NO ACCIDENTS WERE REPORTED AND INFORMAL NOTICES WERE SERVED IN RESPECT OF 28 MINOR CONTRAVENTIONS.

CLASS OF PREMISES.	NUMBER REGISTERED	NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS.	CONTRAVENTIONS.		
			FOUND	REMEDIATED	OUT-STANDING 31/12/67
OFFICES.	25	9	4	10	7
RETAIL SHOPS.	76	40	13	68	58
WHOLESALE SHOPS, WAREHOUSES.	2	1	-	-	-
CATERING ESTABS: OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, CANTEENS.	19	11	11	16	30
FUEL STORAGE DEPOTS.	2	1	-	2	2
TOTALS.	124	62	28	96	97

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT 1963.

4 PREMISES ARE LICENSED UNDER THE ACT AND THE PREMISES ARE OF A GOOD STANDARD.

CARAVANS.

FIVE SITE LICENCES WERE ISSUED FOR INDIVIDUAL VANS UNDER THE CARAVAN SITES & CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960.

FOUR PERMANENT SITE LICENCES ARE IN OPERATION FOR 31, 15, 10 AND 3 CARAVANS. SANITARY CONVENiences AND PIPED WATER ARE AVAILABLE ON EACH SITE AND THEY ARE WELL CONDUCTED AND CAUSE NO COMPLAINT.

THE NUMBER OF CARAVANS PLACED ON LICENSED SITES AT THE END OF 1967 WAS 64.

CONSIDERABLE NUISANCE AND ANNOYANCE IS CAUSED AT PERIODS BY THE INFLUX OF ITINERANT CARAVANS INTO THE DISTRICT. THESE ARE MAINLY SCRAP IRON DEALERS AND CHEAP-JACK TARMACADAM MERCHANTS. THEY STATION THEIR VANS ON ROADSIDE VERGES AND ANY OPEN GROUND, COLLECT SCRAP FROM THE SURROUNDING AREAS, SORT IT OUT AND LEAVE ANY UNWANTED MATERIAL IN HEDGES AND ROADSIDE VERGES.

THE POLICE AUTHORITY HAVE CERTAIN POWERS UNDER THE HIGHWAY ACT BUT UNFORTUNATELY THESE POWERS ARE VERY LIMITED IN

CARAVANS. (CONT)

THEIR SCOPE AND THE RURAL COUNCIL HAVE NO POWERS TO ACT REGARDING REMOVAL.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE SET UP A SUB-COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER MAKING SOME PERMANENT SITES FOR ITINERANTS AND OTHER SHORT-STAY CARAVANNERS, ON WHICH THIS COUNCIL IS NOT REPRESENTED.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH SITES WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY CAUSE ANNOYANCE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS WHEREVER THEY ARE SUGGESTED.

REGULATED BUILDINGS.

TWO PREMISES ARE REGISTERED AS OFFENSIVE TRADES, BUT BOTH ARE IN ISOLATED POSITIONS AND GIVE NO CAUSE FOR COMPLAINT.

PET ANIMALS ACT. 1951.

NO PREMISES ARE REGISTERED FOR THE SALE OF PET ANIMALS.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS.

WITH THE NUMBER OF INSPECTORS NOW UP TO A FULL ESTABLISHMENT IT HAS BEEN POSSIBLE TO CARRY OUT MANY MORE INSPECTIONS OF FOOD PREMISES THAN PREVIOUSLY.

IN GENERAL, THE STANDARD IS GOOD AND OCCUPIERS USUALLY CO-OPERATE BY DEALING WITH MINOR ITEMS AT THE TIME OF VISIT BUT WHERE WORKS OF IMPROVEMENT ARE REQUIRED, WRITTEN NOTICES ARE SENT. NO FORMAL NOTICES WERE ISSUED.

THE NUMBER OF PREMISES INSPECTED WAS 188, FOR WHICH 278 VISITS WERE MADE, RESULTING IN 111 INFORMAL NOTICES BEING ISSUED. 22 HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, LEAVING 75 OUTSTANDING.

INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE ARE 33 MOBILE SHOPS FOR WHICH 29 INFORMAL NOTICES WERE ISSUED.

46 PUBLIC HOUSES WERE INSPECTED, AND IN EACH CASE IT WAS NECESSARY TO SERVE NOTICE FOR BREACHES OF THE REGULATIONS.

THREE COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED OF UNSATISFACTORY FOODSTUFFS AND WERE FULLY INVESTIGATED. TWO RELATED TO QUICK-SALE COMMODITIES WHICH HAD GONE MOULDY - NAMELY, FISH CAKES AND SAUSAGE ROLLS - AND ONE, A FOREIGN BODY IN A LOAF OF BREAD.

HAVING REGARD TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO DEAL WITH ALL THREE INFORMALLY AND THIS WAS DONE TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE COMPLAINANTS.

MISHAPS DO OCCUR, OTHER THAN IN PRODUCTION, AND IN THESE DAYS OF DEEP FREEZE STORAGE IN ALMOST EVERY RETAIL SHOP A CLOSE WATCH MUST BE KEPT TO ASCERTAIN THAT THE CORRECT TEMPERATURE BE MAINTAINED, AND A CAREFUL ROTATION OF STOCK BE CARRIED OUT. ONCE THE QUICK FROZEN ARTICLE IS DEFROSTED, IT IS CONSIDERED UNFIT FOR SALE AND IN ONE CASE 517 ARTICLES OF FROZEN FOOD WERE SURRENDERED AND DESTROYED DUE TO BECOMING UNSALEABLE OWING TO A BREAKDOWN IN REFRIGERATION.

CLEAN AIR ACT. 1956.

NO SERIOUS PROBLEM EXISTS REGARDING SMOKE FROM INDUSTRIAL CHIMNEYS AND FREQUENT CONSULTATIONS WITH ALKALI WORKS INSPECTORS TAKE PLACE REGARDING FACTORIES WITHIN THEIR CONTROL. FROM TIME TO TIME NUISANCE IS CAUSED BY FUMES FROM SALT GLAZING PROCESSES BUT THIS IS GRADUALLY BEING PHASED OUT AS NEW TECHNIQUES ARE INTRODUCED.

CLEAN AIR ACT, (CONT)

COLLIERY CHIMNEYS AND SPOIL HEAPS HAVE RECEIVED CONSTANT ATTENTION AND PARTICULARLY FORCEFUL COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED REGARDING FUMES FROM A CHEMICAL PLANT SITUATED OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT. THIS COMPLAINT WAS FROM A WIDE AREA AND TOOK UP MUCH TIME IN CONSULTATIONS BOTH WITH OFFICIALS OF AHERSTONE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL AND THE FIRM CONCERNED.

NO SMOKE CONTROL AREAS ARE IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT BUT THERE IS MUCH ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION FROM DOMESTIC CHIMNEYS, PARTICULARLY WHERE LOW GRADE INDUSTRIAL FUEL IS BEING BURNED.

THREE NOTIFICATIONS WERE RECEIVED OF INTENTION TO INSTALL NEW FURNACES AND IN TWO CASES, ALTERATIONS WERE REQUIRED FOR CHIMNEY HEIGHTS TO BE INCREASED.

PARTICULAR ATTENTION HAS CONTINUED TO THE PROBLEM OF DUST CONTROL AT BRADGATE QUARRY.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT 1960.

THREE COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED AND INVESTIGATED. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT MOST COMPLAINTS RELATE TO ANNOYANCE CAUSED DURING THE EVENING AND IN SOME CASES, ALL NIGHT, WHEN BACKGROUND NOISES ARE STILLED. ONE SUCH CASE WAS AT GROBY WHERE A HIGH-PITCHED WHINE WAS HEARD AT ALL HOURS, TO THE ANNOYANCE OF ONE HOUSEHOLD.

A VERY SERIOUS ANNOYANCE WAS CAUSED AT IBSTOCK FOR A FEW DAYS WHEN A FAIR WAS SITED LITERALLY YARDS FROM A PRIVATE HOUSING ESTATE, AND DIESEL ENGINES AND GENERATORS WERE GRINDING AWAY ALL EVENING.

THE EXCESSIVE NOISE CAUSED BY PNEUMATIC ROAD DRILLS AND BREAKERS WAS BROUGHT TO THE NOTICE OF THE COMMITTEE AND IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT IN ALL FUTURE CONTRACTS FOR COUNCIL WORK A CLAUSE SHOULD BE INSERTED SPECIFYING THE USE OF SUITABLE SILENCERS WHEN PNEUMATIC MACHINES WERE USED.

LETTERS TO THE VARIOUS PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENTS BROUGHT PROMISE OF CO-OPERATION IN EACH CASE.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(A) ICE CREAM.

NO ICE-CREAM MANUFACTURING IS CARRIED OUT IN THE DISTRICT BUT 119 PREMISES ARE REGISTERED FOR THE SALE OF PREPACKED ICE CREAM. NO SAMPLES WERE SUBMITTED FOR BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION.

(B) MILK SUPPLY.

MOST OF THE MILK SOLD IN THE DISTRICT IS DISTRIBUTED FROM FIVE LARGE PREMISES REGISTERED AS DISTRIBUTORS. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, 20 OTHER LICENSED DEALERS IN MILK.

39 SAMPLES WERE TAKEN FROM BULK SUPPLIES FOR BIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION, 38 OF WHICH WERE SATISFACTORY THE REMAINING ONE BEING VOID.

THE NUMBER OF DAIRY FARMS IN THE DISTRICT IS GRADUALLY DECREASING AND MOST OF THE MILK PRODUCED IS COLLECTED AND SENT TO LARGE DAIRIES FOR PASTEURISATION. ONLY 9 PRODUCERS RETAIL THEIR OWN MILK IN THE DISTRICT.

MILK SUPPLY. (CONT)

43 SAMPLES OF PASTEURISED MILK WERE TAKEN FOR BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION - 39 WERE PROVED TO BE SATISFACTORY, 3 UNSATISFACTORY AND 1 VOID.

(c) FOOD & DRUGS ACTS.

THE COUNCIL IS NOT A DESIGNATED FOOD & DRUGS AUTHORITY AND I AM INDEBTED TO MR. F.W. ARNOLD, CHIEF INSPECTOR, FOR DETAILS OF THE SAMPLES TAKEN BY THE PUBLIC CONTROL DEPARTMENT OF THE COUNTY ON BEHALF OF THE RURAL DISTRICT.

<u>COMMODITY.</u>	<u>NO. OF SAMPLES.</u>
<u>FOODSTUFFS.</u>	
MILK.	28
BLACK GRAPES.	1
CARROT FINGERS, DEHYDRATED.	1
CORNED BEEF, LEAN CUT.	1
FRUIT PIE FILLING.	2
ICE CREAM.	11
LETTUCES.	1
MALT VINEGAR.	1
PORK PIE.	1
SAUSAGES, BEEF.	1
SAUSAGES, PORK.	1
SOFT DRINKS.	1
SPICES. MIXED.	1
STEAK & KIDNEY PIES.	2
SWEETS.	1
<u>BEER, WINE & SPIRITS.</u>	
BRANDY.	3
GIN.	7
RUM.	3
VODKA.	5
WHISKY.	9
<u>DRUGS & MEDICINES.</u>	
BRONCHIAL MIXTURE.	1
GLAUBERS SALTS, B.P.	1
LIQUID ANTISEPTIC.	1
TOTAL.	<u>84</u>

IN ADDITION TO THE SAMPLES LISTED, SAMPLES OF MILK ORIGINATING IN THE MARKET BOSWORTH RURAL DISTRICT WERE TAKEN AT RECEIVING DAIRIES IN OTHER AREAS.

THE BOTTLE OF BRONCHIAL MIXTURE BORE NO LIST OF INGREDIENTS AS REQUIRED BY THE PHARMACY & MEDICINES ACT. THE PACKER WAS CAUTIONED.

THREE OF THE SAMPLES, BLACK GRAPES, LETTUCES AND ONE SAMPLE OF MILK WERE SUBMITTED UNDER THE PESTICIDE RESIDUES SCHEME, BEING OPERATED BY A CONSORTIUM OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES. ALL THREE SAMPLES WERE SATISFACTORY. NONE OF THE OTHER SAMPLES CALL FOR COMMENT.

(d) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

THE FOUR LICENSED SLAUGHTERHOUSES IN THE DISTRICT COMPLY FULLY WITH THE STANDARDS LAID DOWN AND ARE LICENSED ANNUALLY.

MEAT & OTHER FOODS. (CONT)

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 29 LICENCES HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO SLAUGHTERMEN FOR THE SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS.

ONE OF THE SLAUGHTERHOUSES IS A MODERN ABATTOIR WITH A FAIRLY LARGE WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTION TRADE, A LARGE PORTION OF WHICH IS EXPORTED OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT.

UNDER THE MEAT INSPECTION REGULATIONS 1963, THE COUNCIL MAKE CHARGES FOR MEAT INSPECTION, THE TWO LARGER ESTABLISHMENTS ON A CONTRACT BASIS, AND THE OTHER TWO BASED ON THE NUMBER OF CARCASSES INSPECTED.

DURING THE YEAR THE COUNCIL DECIDED TO MAKE AN ORDER CONTROLLING THE DAYS AND HOURS OF SLAUGHTER, AND DURING THE PRESENT YEAR IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO CONTROL THE HOURS STILL FURTHER AND PROHIBIT SUNDAY WORK.

DURING THE YEAR, A TOTAL OF 23,558 ANIMALS WERE SLAUGHTERED, 1200 VISITS BEING MADE FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSPECTION.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	CATTLE EXCLUDING Cows.	Cows	CALVES	SHEEP & LAMBS	PIGS	HORSES
NUMBER KILLED.	3213	90	67	12363	7825	-
NUMBER INSPECTED.	3213	90	67	12363	7825	-
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS.</u>						
WHOLE CARCASES CONDEMNED.	2	4	12	25	32	-
CARCASES OF WHICH SOME PART OR ORGAN WAS CONDEMNED.	598	14	2	235	677	-
PERCENTAGE OF NUMBER INSPECTED AFFECTED WITH DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS.	18.67	20	20.89	2.02	9.06	-
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY.</u>						
WHOLE CARCASES CONDEMNED.	-	-	-	-	-	-
CARCASES OF WHICH SOME PART OR ORGAN WAS CONDEMNED.	-	-	-	-	10	-
PERCENTAGE OF THE NUMBER INSPECTED AFFECTED WITH TUBERCULOSIS.	-	-	-	-	.13	-
<u>CYSTICERCOSIS.</u>						
CARCASES OF WHICH SOME PART OR ORGAN WAS CONDEMNED.	-	-	-	-	-	-
CARCASES SUBMITTED TO TREATMENT BY REFRIGERATION.	18	-	-	-	-	-
GENERALISED AND TOTALLY CONDEMNED.	-	-	-	-	-	-

TOTAL WEIGHT OF MEAT ETC., CONDEMNED:-

MEAT: 6 TONS. 9 CWTS. 3 QRS. 16 LBS.
OFFAL: 5 TONS. - CWTS. 3 QRS. 22 LBS.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS. (CONT)

18 - 12OZ. TINS OF CORNED BEEF WERE SURRENDERED AND DESTROYED BEING UNFIT FOR CONSUMPTION.

NO. OF INSPECTIONS TO BUTCHERS' VANS..... 24.
MEAT SHOPS, MEAT STORES ETC.,..... 29
PLACES WHERE FOOD (OTHER THAN MEAT) IS KEPT..... 284.

HOUSING.

HOUSES IN DISTRICT:-

TOTAL NO. OF OCCUPIED HOUSES..... 9,974.
TOTAL NO. OF COUNCIL HOUSES..... 1,946.

NEW HOUSES.

	COUNCIL	PRIVATE ENTERPRISE.	TOTAL.
HOUSES COMPLETED DURING YEAR.	55	242	297
HOUSES IN COURSE OF ERECTION AT END OF YEAR.	60	267	327
NO. OF POST-WAR HOUSES COMPLETED.	1601	2551	4152

COUNCIL HOUSE APPLICATIONS.

TOTAL NO. OF APPLICANTS ON LIST..... 618.
NO. OF NEW APPLICATIONS DURING YEAR..... 144.

INSPECTION OF HOUSES DURING YEAR.

TOTAL NO. OF HOUSES INSPECTED..... 598.
INSPECTIONS MADE FOR THE PURPOSE..... 1016.
HOUSES FOUND TO BE UNFIT FOR HABITATION. 15.

IT HAS BEEN THE POLICY OF THE COUNCIL TO DEAL WITH ALL UNFIT HOUSES AS INDIVIDUALLY UNFIT UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE 1957 HOUSING ACT, AND DURING THE YEAR, 24 HOUSES WERE DEMOLISHED, 37 FAMILIES BEING DISPLACED INVOLVING 101 PERSONS.

REPAIR OF HOUSES.

31 HOUSES WERE RENDERED FIT AS A RESULT OF INFORMAL ACTION. ONE NOTICE WAS SERVED UNDER SECTION 9 OF THE HOUSING ACT 1957.

IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSES.

I AM OBLIGED TO MR. WALTON AND THE SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RELATING TO IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

UNDER THE DISCRETIONARY GRANT SCHEME, THE COUNCIL MAY HELP OWNERS TO IMPROVE THEIR PROPERTY UP TO A GIVEN STANDARD AND SUBJECT TO A MAXIMUM GRANT OF £400.

IN GENERAL TERMS IT IS THE PRACTICE TO OFFER A GRANT

IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSES. (CONT)

OF 50% OF THE APPROVED COST UP TO THE MAXIMUM £400. AND APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WERE AS FOLLOWS:-

1. FROM OWNER/OCCUPIERS.....	35.
2. FROM OWNERS OF RENTED PROPERTY....	21.
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TOTAL.	56.

NO APPLICATION WAS REFUSED AND 45 WERE APPROVED.

STANDARD GRANT SCHEME.

GRANTS ARE ALSO MADE BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSES BY THE PROVISION OF STANDARD AMENITIES UP TO A MAXIMUM OF £155. BUT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES IT IS POSSIBLE TO INCREASE THIS AMOUNT IF IT IS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT ADDITIONAL WORKS.

APPLICATIONS FOR STANDARD GRANTS WERE RECEIVED AS FOLLOWS:-

1. FROM OWNER/OCCUPIERS.....	32.
2. FROM OWNERS OF RENTED PROPERTY....	12.

NO APPLICATION WAS REFUSED AND 37 WERE APPROVED.

A TOTAL NUMBER OF 120 PROPERTIES WERE IMPROVED DURING THE YEAR.

PETROLEUM ACTS.

ANNUAL LICENCES ARE ISSUED BY THE COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF ALL PREMISES STORING PETROLEUM SPIRIT OR ANY INFLAMMABLE PETROLEUM BASED MIXTURE.

ALL NEW PETROLEUM INSTALLATIONS ARE TESTED BEFORE LICENSING AND 36 VISITS WERE MADE FOR THIS PURPOSE.

109 PREMISES ARE LICENSED FOR STORAGE, COMPRISING 47 AT GARAGE AND FILLING STATIONS AND 62 OTHER PREMISES.

DURING THE YEAR SIX OBSOLETE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS WERE MADE SAFE BY FILLING, FOUR WITH WATER AND TWO WITH CONCRETE MIXTURE.

FACTORIES ACT 1961.

PART 1. OF THE ACT.

INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISION AS TO HEALTH.

Sub:Sec: II. FACTORIES IN WHICH SECTION 7 IS ENFORCED BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

No. ON REGISTER.	No. OF INSPECTIONS.	WRITTEN NOTICES.
88.	6.	2.

No. OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:-

SANITARY CONVENiences. (S.7)

FOUND.	REMEDIED.	REFERRED BY H.M. INSPECTOR.
2	2	-

FACTORIES ACT 1961. (CONT)

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORKERS. (SEC 110 & 111) NUMBER IN AUGUST LIST
REQUIRED BY SEC. 111.

TOTAL No. OF OUTWORKERS..... 118.

NATURE OF WORK.	OUTWORKERS EMPLOYED BY FIRMS IN DISTRICT.	OUTWORKERS EMPLOYED BY FIRMS OUTSIDE DISTRICT.
HOSIERY.	-	18
UNDERWEAR.	-	-
GLOVES.	-	-
SHOES.	-	2
BRACES.	-	-
TEXTILES.	24	-
UMBRELLAS.	-	-
TOYS.	-	1
KNITWEAR.	-	6
CORSETS.	-	67
TOTAL.	24	94

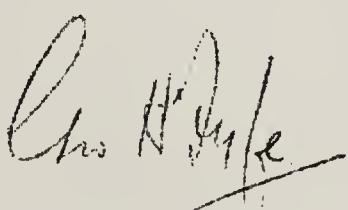
STAFF.

ONE ADDITIONAL QUALIFIED PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR WAS APPOINTED DURING THE YEAR AND WITH A FULL ESTABLISHMENT, THE STAFF IS CONSIDERED ADEQUATE FOR ALL DUTIES. MR. THOMSON QUALIFIED AS A MEAT INSPECTOR AND THIS GREATLY RELIEVES THE PROBLEM OF WEEKEND INSPECTIONS.

THE STAFF NOW CONSISTS OF:-

- 3 QUALIFIED PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS.
- 1 TECHNICAL ASSISTANT WITH MEAT INSPECTION.
- 1 SEWAGE WORKS MANAGER.
- 1 CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT.
- 1 SECRETARY/TYPIST.

THE STAFF OF THE DEPARTMENT HAVE CARRIED OUT THEIR WORK MOST EFFECTIVELY AND TO THEM AND OTHER OFFICERS MAY I SAY THAT THEIR CO-OPERATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.



CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

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